

HOUSE No. 65

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, petition of William Francis Galvin and William M. Straus relative to voter registration for program participants. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 9A of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following language after section 7:

4 § 8 Voter Registration for Program Participants

5 A program participant may register to vote as a confidential
6 voter pursuant to G. L. c. 51, §§ 4, 44. To qualify as a confiden-
7 tial voter, a program participant must disclose his or her residen-
8 tial address to the registrar of voters, which shall not be a public
9 record.

10 Registrars, assistant registrars or boards having similar duties
11 under any special or general law, shall not place on the street list
12 or annual register or disclose to any person the name and resi-
13 dence of a voter providing the registrars with proof that he or she
14 is a program participant.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4(d) of chapter 51 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 2002 official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding in line 34 the words “or a program participant in the
4 Address Confidentiality Program established by General Laws
5 chapter 9A” after “chapter 265” and before “shall.”

1 SECTION 3. Section 44 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2002 official Edition, is hereby amended by

3 adding in line 8 the words “or a program participant in the
4 Address Confidentiality Program established by General Laws
5 chapter 9A” after “chapter 265” and before “shall.”